

served as a Trust Officer in charge of the Glendale District Trust Department until his retirement in 1970.

In 1976, Ed and Teddy moved to Palo Alto where Ed became a member of the Senior Group at the Palo Alto Golf Course, playing until he was 90. He gave generously of his time and talents as a volunteer at the Senior Center, counseling others on financial issues. Today although he suffers from neuropathy, he keeps up with his grandsons and walks each day at the Stanford University Track.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edward Coyle on his 100th birthday and recognizing his countless contributions to our community and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS  
"ELOKOMIN" (AO)

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the plaque dedication for the USS *Elokomina*, AO, an auxiliary oiler of the United States Navy whose keel was laid on March 9, 1943 and—served our Nation with honor until its decommission in March of 1970. I am here to honor the men who served on the *Elokomina* and to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of this extraordinary vessel.

The USS *Elokomina* served with distinction and received numerous Naval commendations for her service. During World War II, the *Elokomina* was more heavily armed than a destroyer-escort, having one 5-inch 38 caliber dual-purpose gun, four 3-inch 50 caliber dual-purpose guns, four 40-millimeter twin-mount guns and eight 20-millimeter guns.

However, the story of the *Elokomina* is really the story of the men who served aboard her. The USS *Elokomina*, AO-50 Crewmembers Association was established in the 1980s and it is my understanding that since its first reunion in 1986, the Association has met regularly to keep the memory of this ship and her crew alive. These men and their families should be proud of their commitment not only to our country but also to each other. Their dedication and loyalty is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the veterans, their family and friends who will gather later this month for a celebration and dedication of the USS *Elokomina* at the Navy Memorial here in Washington, DC. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating this distinguished ship and the men who so ably served aboard her to defend this Nation.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF  
CHEESMAN DAM

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the century of service the Cheesman Dam has provided Coloradans. The dam is an engineering marvel that has

provided water to the Denver metropolitan area for the past century.

The dam was constructed with the goal of providing the natural resources necessary to Denver area expansion. The dam has provided effective water management that has brought both environmental stability and economic growth to Denver.

Chief Engineer C.P. Allen executed the construction of Cheesman Dam with speed, precision, and creativity. The dam contains three million cubic feet of masonry, 21,000 tons of concrete and weighs an impressive 300,000 tons. The world's largest dam at the time of its completion, Cheesman was hailed by many as an engineering marvel. Though it didn't remain the largest dam in the world, it has continued to garner engineering acclaim. In 1975 it was proclaimed a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Cheesman's engineering prowess and historical significance are not its only qualities worthy of praise. The dam is, in many ways, a unique reflection of the Colorado spirit. Built to emulate the surrounding natural area, Cheesman's granite construction attempts to assimilate modern engineering advancement with the beauty of Colorado's open space. Its spillway follows the same pattern as it was intentionally developed in the formation of a natural cliff rather than a typical dam.

The American Society of Civil Engineers explains that the, "Cheesman Dam is . . . of such historical significance and contemporary importance that it should never be forgotten, but placed side-by-side with other national and historical landmarks of the engineering profession."

Its 100th anniversary is an accomplishment for the hundreds of workers that laid the stone in its construction and its talented engineers. Special recognition is also owed Denver Water and all of its employees—past and present—who have maintained this critical feature of Denver's water supply system. Through the efforts of Denver Water and the foresight of those who built this facility 100 years ago, Denver has been able to thrive and prosper.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
DR. KALLA

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas Dr. Kalla is an exceptional individual worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Dr. Kalla has proven himself to be a man of strong will and character; and

Whereas Dr. Kalla shall be lauded for his strength, tenacity, and perseverance in his battle with cancer;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Dr. Kalla for his outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING STEVE  
McCULLOUGH

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to my good friend Steve McCullough upon his retirement from employment as the city manager for the city of Irving, Texas. He has dedicated himself to the betterment of his community and neighbors and his tireless commitment and service should be commended.

Steve began his 30-year career with the City of Irving in June 1975 when he was employed as an administrative assistant in the Finance Department. He joined the City Manager's Office in 1978 and was named deputy city manager in 1986. He has held the position of city manager in Irving since December 1993. Additionally, Steve was appointed by the governor of Texas to the Texas Municipal Retirement System Board of Trustees in 1990 and served as chairman in 1992 and 1995.

During his tenure as city manager, Steve served under five mayors and 26 council members. He was essential in developing and implementing many key initiatives including the Texas Transportation Summit and TEX-21, the Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century and a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Irving. Under his direction, the Lake Chapman Water Supply project, the Family Advocacy Center, the North Police Substation, the Heritage Senior Center, Campion Trails and the Valley View Municipal Complex were constructed. In addition, Steve was instrumental in the planning of a DART light rail line through Las Colinas to DFW International Airport and achieving and maintaining the city's AAA bond ratings.

I want to thank Steve McCullough for all that he has done to make Irving a better place to live, work and raise a family. He leaves behind a vision of pride, progress and continued success for the City of Irving, and I wish him all the best upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Simon Wiesenthal, who died today at the age of 96.

Simon Wiesenthal, a concentration camp survivor, worked tirelessly to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. By compiling testimonial evidence at his Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, Austria, Wiesenthal provided trial material and evidence to the lawyers who prosecuted the Nazis for their crimes. Through his lifetime, Wiesenthal helped to bring as many as 1,100 Nazis, including Adolf Eichmann, to justice.

For Wiesenthal—who lived by a standard of justice, not vengeance—trying the Nazis for their war crimes brought moral restitution to the Jewish people who suffered so severely under the Nazi regime. Wiesenthal dedicated his life to preserving the memory of all those